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Margaret Flint Correspondence

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FLINT, Margaret
(Mrs. Lester Warner Jacobs)

Orono, Maine

Author of \$10,00 prize novel is Maine native and
University of Maine alumna.

Margaret Flint Jacobs of Bay St. Louis, Miss., a Maine woman by birth and a graduate of the University of Maine in 1912, has been awarded a \$10,000 prize for the best novel of those submitted in a national contest. The title of the novel is "The Old Ashburn House", a story centering around a rural family in a small Maine town where she was born.

Her father, Walter Flint, a graduate of the class of 1883, served on the faculty of the University for twenty years as instructor in forge work in the department of mechanical engineering.

Mrs. Jacobs' mother also, Mrs. Hannah Leavitt Flint of Skowhegan, was graduated from the University in 1890 with a conspicuously brilliant record. Mrs. Jacobs was born in Orono, but passed her girlhood on a farm at West Baldwin. She is the mother of six children and wife of a toll bridge supervisor.

Mrs. Jacobs entered the Arts and Sciences course at the University majoring first in biology and then in philosophy. She was affiliated with the class of 1912 of which her husband, L. W. Jacobs is also a member. Shortly after his graduation, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs moved to Virginia where Mr. Jacobs was engaged in the engineering profession for a number of years before moving to their present location.

Bangor Commercial	Dec. 23, 1935
Portland Herald	Dec. 26, 1935
Kennebec Journal	Dec. 26, 1935

December 27, 1935

Mrs. Lester W. Jacobs
Bay St. Louis
Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

We have read with pleasure in the local papers of your prize-winning novel, THE OLD ASHBURN HOUSE, and we hasten to extend our congratulations upon your literary achievement.

Some years ago we started an exhibit collection of the works of Maine authors. This collection now numbers several hundred volumes, inscribed and presented by our very generous and cooperative writers. As these books are for exhibit purposes only, they will in years to come form an authentic and valuable background of Maine literature.

It is with delight that we welcome another name to our list of writers, and we hope that when your novel is published, you will want to inscribe a copy for our collection. We assure you that we appreciate the kindness and interest our authors manifest in our project.

May we extend to you not only our sincere congratulations, and best wishes for a bright literary future, but also a very cordial invitation to visit the State Library and the Maine Author Collection, should you at any time be in Maine.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

406 South Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Jan. 8th, 1936

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Hilda McLeod

Dear Miss McLeod;

I thank you for your good wishes, and assure you that I shall feel honored to have my book in your collection. It will be published in September, and I shall send you the inscribed copy as requested.

I surely hope to get "back home" before long, and shall enjoy visiting your library and seeing the collection of Maine books.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret Flint Jacobs
Margaret Flint Jacobs

January 14, 1936

Margaret Flint Jacobs
406 South Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Flint:

Thank you for your kindness in promising an inscribed copy of THE OLD ASHBURN HOUSE to us for the Maine Author Collection. We assure you that your interest and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

When you do get "back home" we hope you will visit us at the State Library. We enjoy the visits of our authors, and take pleasure in exhibiting the Maine Author Collection, the success of which is largely due to their generous gifts of time and books.

With this invitation, we include our very best wishes for the success of your book, and we anticipate its publication with eagerness.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

MARGARET FLINT
406 SOUTH BEACH BOULEVARD
BAY SAINT LOUIS, MISS.

October 20th, 1936

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Hilda McLeod

Dear Miss McLeod:

My novel, THE OLD ASHBURN PLACE, is now off the press, and I am happy to send a copy, under separate cover, for your collection, as requested in your letter of December 27th, 1935.

I have much appreciated the many letters of congratulation from Maine, and also the cordial reception my native state extended to me and my family this past summer. I feel that I have never ceased to "belong", and hope to return before many more years have passed, to make a permanent home there.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Flint
(Mrs. Lester Warner Jacobs)

October 26, 1936

Margaret Flint
406 S. Beach Blvd.
Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Dear Miss Flint:

We have received the copy of THE OLD ASHBURN PLACE which you so kindly inscribed for the Maine Author Collection, and are glad and proud to add this novel of distinction and very definite Maine flavor to our shelves.

You have indeed caught the true Maine character, landscape and vernacular; and you have written them with clarity and sympathy into a very human story. We are, of course, delighted that THE OLD ASHBURN PLACE is receiving such a cordial welcome from critics and readers, and we are equally delighted that the author is a true Maine "native."

We hope it will be possible for you to realize your intention of returning to Maine, to live here permanently. We assure you that we would gladly welcome your return, and we hope that the next time you are in Maine, you will accept our cordial invitation to visit the library and the Maine Author Collection.

Thank you for your generosity in presenting us with this volume, for your kind words about Maine, and most of all, for writing THE OLD ASHBURN PLACE.

Very truly yours

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MAINE STATE LIBRARY

December 21, 1937

Miss Margaret Flint
c/o Dodd, Mead & Co.
443-449 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Flint:

Please accept our congratulations on your second novel, THE VALLEY OF DECISION, which, although differing in background and problem, contains many of the qualities which brought success to THE OLD ASHBURN PLACE: sympathy, honesty, friendliness, skilful insight into and portrayal of human nature, with its weaknesses and strengths.

We delight in the privilege of claiming you as a Maine author, and we hope that the Maine Author Collection will be enriched by an inscribed copy from you. We wish the book success, and we feel certain that it will receive just that.

Our cordial greetings of the season go with this letter, and a hope that the prospective home in Maine may soon materialize.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

December 28th, 1937

The Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Hilda McLeod, Secretary

Dear Miss McLeod:

Greatly as I appreciate your pleasant comment on my second book, VALLEY OF DECISION, I am obliged to admit that it has not been sufficiently remunerative to enable me to give away any copies, even to the Maine State Library.

My home in Maine has materialized, greatly to the detriment of my bank balance, yet even more greatly to the family satisfaction and contentment; we all regard it as an asset rather than an expenditure, yet our other expenditures have necessarily been carefully considered. So, you will readily see, I have adhered consistently to my resolution to give away no more books. My six children have my six free copies.

I shall of course be most happy to inscribe a copy if the Library sees fit to make the purchase.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Flint

December 29, 1937

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Indeed we do want a copy of VALLEY OF DECISION! The representation of your writing would not be complete without it, and we understand perfectly your excellent reasons for not presenting the book. We are, therefore, requesting Campbell's Book Store, of Portland, Maine, to send you a copy. When it reaches you, will you be so kind as to inscribe it and forward it to us? We enclose a label and sufficient postage to cover mailing charges.

We are delighted to learn that you are actually living in Maine again. It is a feather in our literary cap, and we hope that you and your family will continue to enjoy the new home as much as we of Maine enjoy having you here.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

January 6, 1938

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Thank you very much for inscribing the copy
of VALLEY OF DECISION. It carries a warmth and
charm which should appeal to many readers, and we
are delighted to add it to the Maine Author Collection.

We send you our continued good wishes for
further literary success.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

November 9, 1938

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

The success of DEACON'S ROAD must be a source of gratification to you; and we, indirectly, share the glory, as we do when any Maine author receives a measure of fame.

We want to include an inscribed copy of this book in the Maine Author Collection, but before requesting a copy to be sent to you, we prefer to ascertain whether or not you are still in West Baldwin. Perhaps you have at hand a copy which you would be willing to inscribe and send to us, with a bill.

A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

November 10th, 1938

Maine State Library
Augusta, Me.

Hilda McLeod

Dear Miss McLeod:

As you see, I am still in West Baldwin, and I shall be very glad to inscribe a copy of DEACON'S ROAD for you.

I have no extra copy at hand, so it would be simplest for you to send one.

Cordially yours,

Margaret Flint

November 17, 1938

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Thank you for your kindness in permitting us to send a copy of DEACON'S ROAD for your inscription. We have requested Campbell's Book Store, of Portland, to mail you a copy, and we enclose a label and postage for your convenience in sending the book to us.

We are looking forward to including your latest book in the collection.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

Nov. 18th, 1938

Dear Miss McLeod---

It may be of interest to you to know that the jacket of DEACONS ROAD was made from a photograph of a house which once stood here in the Town of Baldwin. This house was built in the early 1800s by my great-grandfather, Deacon Ephraim Flint. It was burned some fifteen years ago, but the barns are still there, in ruin, and I described the site as accurately as I could in the first chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Flint

November 21, 1938

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

DEACON'S ROAD has arrived, and we are, of course, delighted to add it to the Maine Author Collection.

It is particularly interesting to have the story of the jacket illustration, and your readers will have no difficulty in picturing the Deacon's place. It has a familiar, secure charm, even as your characters, and we are proud that the author of DEACON'S ROAD is a Maine person.

Our sincere wishes are again sent to you: we hope that many more books of this calibre will come from your pen.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

September 11, 1939

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

A copy of BREAKNECK BROOK arrived at the library for inclusion in our traveling libraries, and we immediately seized it to discover what new pleasures lay in store for us. We find it as charming as we anticipated, and we must of course have a copy in the Maine Author Collection.

For that reason, we are asking Campbell's Book Store, in Portland, to send you a copy. Will you be so kind as to inscribe it for us, and return it to the library under the enclosed label and postage?

It is a satisfaction to read such honestly depicted books, with the sturdy, forthright characters with which you people your novels. We congratulate you upon the publication of your thoroughly enjoyable fourth book.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

October 12, 1939

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Thank you very much for inscribing the Maine
Author Collection copy of BREAKNECK BROOK. We
are glad to be able to add this volume to your
others in the exhibit.

We trust that the novel is achieving a
satisfactory success, and that you are perhaps
already considering another.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

September 16, 1940

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Congratulations, we are happy to note, are due again -- for BACK O' THE MOUNTAIN. We understand that the setting is Maine, and although we have not yet had the good fortune to peruse a copy, we are anticipating that pleasure.

Of course the Maine Author Collection will not be complete without an inscribed copy. Would you be so kind as to send us one? We understand that we are to purchase it, but we do want it inscribed.

The best of luck to your latest !

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Will send inscribed copy of BACK O' THE
MOUNTAIN sime time next week.

Margeret Flint
West Baldwin, Me.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Maine State Library

Augusta

Maine

October 1, 1940

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

The inscribed copy of BACK O' THE MOUNTAIN has arrived, and once more it is our delight to welcome one of your fine Maine novels to the collection.

This book seems to hold within its pages the true integrity and humor of the Maine character, together with a story of compelling interest. Please accept our congratulations upon your fifth novel, and upon making available to readers such heart-warming representations of the lives about you.

We will be glad to approve the bill for payment as soon as we receive it from you; and you have our heartiest wishes for a long success to BACK O' THE MOUNTAIN.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

June 5, 1941

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE must of course join your other fine novels in the Maine Author Collection; and because we remember that it is not possible to go around your family and still have a gift copy for the exhibit, we are asking the Personal Book Shop of Boston to send you a copy.

Will you be so kind as to inscribe the book and return it to us under the enclosed label and postage?

With pleasure we anticipate the privilege of including your latest work, and we send you our best wishes for a success which will continue in the happy course set by its friendly welcome.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Miss McLeod

Mrs. Lester Warner Jacobs

Thank you for your
pleasant letter -

(Margaret Flint)

May 23, 1941

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Thank you again for your kindness in the matter of inscribing DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE for the Maine Author Collection. It is the kind of book about Maine and her people that we have learned to expect with confidence and pleasant anticipation from you; and each new one brings us added enjoyment.

We congratulate you upon DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE, upon its atmosphere, its character and truth; and we are very glad of the opportunity to place it in the exhibit.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

October 9, 1941

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

OCTOBER FIRES is a fine title, and we know it will be a fine book. Congratulations upon its publication.

We shall need an inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection, so will you be kind enough to inscribe the copy which will come to you from Campbell's Book Store in Portland, and return it to us for the exhibit? We enclose postage and a label for your convenience, and assure you that we anticipate its arrival.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

October 24, 1941

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

The inscribed copy of OCTOBER FIRES has been received, and we thank you for your cooperation.

We are, as always, glad of the opportunity to add another of your novels to the Maine Author Collection; and we recognize anew, though in this somewhat different setting, your talent for perceptive and accurate portrayal of human nature.

We congratulate you upon the publication, and wish the best of success to OCTOBER FIRES.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

October 12, 1942

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Again we have the pleasure of sending our congratulations upon the publication of a new novel from your pen. We anticipate with pleasure seeing ENDURING RICHES, and we are asking Campbell's Book Store of Portland to send you a copy.

Will you be so kind as to inscribe it for the Maine Author Collection? We enclose a return label and postage for your convenience.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

October 16th, 1942

Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Mrs. F.W. Jacob

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Of course I shall be delighted to inscribe the copy of ENDURING RICHES for the Library, as soon as it reaches me. It is a pleasure to be thus recognized, but I am afraid, before my earthly career is finished, there will have to be a long shelf provided! Dodd, Mead & Co. seem to expect me to go on forever, like Tennyson's brook.

For next year's offering, however, I hope to produce something a little different, but not too much so---going back to 1840, and featuring some of Hauren Sanborn's irresistible yarns, and also his collected data regarding Baldwin at that period. I hope that this background of fact will give some of the substance which my other books seem to lack.

Books sent me thus far from the Library have been most interesting and helpful, and I think there will be much in THE STRANGE WOMAN to add color to my efforts. Therefore, since in these horse and buggy days of 1942, I seldom get to a library, I shall gratefully avail myself of your neighborly offer, and "git a-holt" of the book when you can spare it. (My neighbors here always assure me they will read my books as soon as they can git a-holt of 'em.)

Most sincerely yours,

Margaret Flint

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October 20, 1942

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

It is always a joy to place another of your books in the collection, and we see no cause to regret Dodd, Mead's determination! Whether you write of the Ashburns or Lords or Varneys or Squires or Chadwicks, you bring a sympathetic understanding to your interpretation of their lives and characters; your novels are comfortable friendly books, with men and women that are like your readers in faults and weaknesses and laughter and tears. That is their strongest appeal, and the faithfulness with which you portray the speech and manners of these people is remarkable.

We are happy to add ENDURING RICHES to your other books, and we hope that you will go on writing about these everyday folk for long years yet.

"Next year's offering," as you phrase it, sounds especially interesting. Is it to be in the form of a novel, or is it a history?

Probably I shall be able to "git a-holt" of THE STRANGE WOMAN in a week or so; and it will be sent to you at once. I assure you it will add color to your research -- it is one of the most colorful books in recent years! -- but very excellent, regardless of one's personal taste about the leading character, in its historical background.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

October 26, 1942

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

THE STRANGE WOMAN is being mailed to you today. In this letter I enclose a label which you may use in returning the book. I hope you will enjoy it, but at any rate, if your literary taste runs in other channels, you will doubtless find it valuable as source material.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

Nov. 22nd, 1942

Dear Mrs. Jacob---

Rather belatedly, I am returning THE STRANGE WOMAN, which I, and also two of my daughters, who happened to be at home, have read with great interest. One could hardly call it pleasure, perhaps, yet the book is a masterly job of character work, description, and story-telling.

I wish he had left out the Civil War details. The book is too long, and that material does not add enough to justify the bulk of it. As I read, I shrank from what logically should have come--- Jenny's obscene thought toward her son Dan. I was relieved when it failed to enter into the story, yet it belongs there. Probably the author, or the publishers, or all of them together thought that the public stomach would rebel, and so her final illness was used to destroy her charm, and turn the son away from her. And knowing Jenny's sadistic tendencies, how could her very practical and intelligent husband go off for weeks on end, leaving the little boys with her?

In spite of my criticisms, I felt well repaid for reading the book, and the atmosphere of early Bangor seems alive to me now. Many thanks for your neighborliness in lending me the book; I wish I knew a way whereby I could be as helpful to you.

Cordially yours,

Margaret Flint -

November 24, 1942

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

THE STRANGE WOMAN has been received, and I am very happy that I could help in any small way. Your repayment of this slight benefit is simply to continue to write the sort of books you do ! Your remarks about THE STRANGE WOMAN are very perceptive; it's the best criticism of the book I've seen. -- But I couldn't answer the questions you put: they are mine also.

Best wishes for the next book.

Sincerely,

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

July 31st, 1942

Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

Feeling somewhat acquainted with you through correspondence regarding my ever-recurring books, in the past six years, I presume to ask a favor.

I am beginning a book in which I wish to feature the Hard Cider Campaign of 1840, and the boost which the Town of Baldwin gave General Harrison then. It was Lauren Sanborn who gave me the idea, and who is also giving generously of his time, interest, and collected data.

I shall however be needing more. I think that in fiction published anywhere between 1800 and 1840, I could find much about daily life, dress, deportment, furnishings etc. Also from early Godeys and other publications.

What might I find in the State Library? And would it be possible to have any of this material shipped to me here? Writing for me is not especially lucrative, else I would come to Augusta for a week or so and find out what is there. The periodicals, being so cumbersome, I would of course have to read at the library, but meanwhile, could I be reading one or two novels, if there are any except Cooper? I have some of those. Anything published in England would be what the intelligencia in this country were reading.

If it is possible to borrow books in this way, I will send the necessary postage, and try to make a trip later to browse through the periodicals.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret Flint

August 3, 1942

Miss Margaret Flint
West Baldwin
Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

It is always a pleasure to hear from you, and the news that a new book is under way is an especial delight. We shall, of course, be happy to be of service to you in any way possible.

Your letter is being referred to our Research Librarian, Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller, who will give it her attention, and you will doubtless hear from her shortly about the material which you mention.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us whenever we can be of assistance. Best wishes for the new book, which we shall anticipate with eagerness.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY

September 9, 1943

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

Can it be that the historical novel you were writing has turned into DRESS RIGHT, DRESS!, or is the Margaret Flint who wrote this book another? If it is you, we shall of course continue the practice of seeing that you receive a copy intended for the Maine Author Collection after your inscription.

How is the historical novel, by the way? It sounded promising when we last heard, and we have hoped that it might be a fall publication, although as yet no notice has reached us to that effect. Good luck to it, anyway!

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

MARGARET FLINT
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

September 13th, 1943

Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

It is I who wrote DRESS RIGHT, DRESS. I was so interested and entertained by letters from my two WAC daughters that I took a notion to make them into a book. For this job, I shelved the novel which I now designate as No. 9, and which will come out a year from now at the latest. The WAC book is No. 8½!

You may be interested to know that the foremost WAC pictured on the book jacket is my daughter, Cpl. Edith Jacobs. She is a photographer, now in a ballistic laboratory. On request from the publishers,* she arranged the lights and all that, for the picture, and then stepped into it herself while another girl snapped the shutter. She preferred another picture, in which she herself was the background figure, but the publishers chose this one.

Of course I shall be glad to autograph as usual, and I appreciate the honor.

I am now at work on No. 9, entitled HARD CIDER, and if the WAC book keeps the pot boiling I can take time to make the other more what I want it to be. Thanks for your friendly inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Flint

* P.S. I don't know that the publishers requested a photo of her, particularly; they wanted something suitable for the jacket.

September 16, 1943

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

How interesting to know that you have written the new WAC book! You certainly should know the subject, with two daughters in the service. We look forward to seeing it; and we have asked Campbell's Book Store in Portland to send a copy to you upon publication. After adding an inscription, will you be so kind as to send it on to us for the Maine Author Collection. We wish it the best of luck.

Sincerely yours

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Encls.

Secretary

October 8, 1943

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint:

DRESS RIGHT, DRESS has arrived. Immediately we skipped through some of the pages, and we are delighted to have such a book. Much has been written on the WACS, but this makes them girls that the reader knows. It is especially interesting that your daughter leads the cover WACS -- such an attractive girl! Our lending copy of DRESS RIGHT, DRESS will answer many inquiries; and we are grateful to you for autographing the Maine Author Collection copy. Good luck to it.

Sincerely yours

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sent insufficient
postage!

Secretary

MARGARET FLINT
PEQUAWKET
WEST BALDWIN, MAINE

Dec. 2nd, 1943

Marion Cobb Fuller
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Fuller:

(Or is it Miss Fuller?)

Thanks for the package of books, which came yesterday. They will all be useful, and already, in the Saco Valley history, I have found mention of Isaac Dyer, whose actual name and history are to figure in the book.

I doubt if town histories would give enough to pay for going through them. The route, I learned through some old letters in an attic in Sebago township, dated 1835, was from Standish to Waterville, but the person writing went to Skowhegan, and took the "stage home that night". I don't know where "home" was. Letters and diaries, I believe, are the best source if one can find them, since they have no historian's bias. Such personal narrative as you mention would be more useful than the ponderous town histories.

The actual route followed does not matter. It is atmosphere I need, and small details that make humorous or human-interest reading.

I am rather hoping, before the winter is over, to visit the library and go through some of this material. Meanwhile, I shall appreciate anything you find which you think will help.

Appreciatively yours,

Margaret Flint

December 28, 1943

Miss Margaret Flint
Pequawket,
West Baldwin, Maine

Dear Miss Flint;-

I have continued to keep in mind your request for material which might be helpful in creating a background for an account of a stage-coach trip in 1840, or about that time, but I have not as yet found anything which I think would interest you. Most of the general information about stage coach travel is of an earlier period. Since the type of coach used was probably the type known as "Concord Coach", you might like to see the January issue of OLD TIME NEW ENGLAND which has an article and some pictures of that type of vehicle.

I think it is possible that the stage route in which you are interested may have gone through Winthrop. I have copied a brief passage from the HISTORY OF WINTHROP which may interest you.

Possibly you would like to borrow AMONG OLD NEW ENGLAND INNS (Mary Caroline Crawford) which has about a page which might be of interest. As a whole, the book would not, I think, be much use to you.

Very truly yours,

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